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COMMENT OF
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Britain And
ANZUS

JUST why Britain's request to send an observer to the ANZUS conference has been rejected is anything but clear; nor is it easy to understand why such a decision has been made by the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Some observers feel that Britain's reason is that if Britain be allowed to "sit in" on the discussions, other countries would claim the same privilege. Lost sight of is the fact that Britain has special interests in the South Pacific; moreover she has strong ties with Australia and New Zealand as partners in the British Commonwealth. That the Foreign Office should feel hurt, and somewhat affronted is natural enough. While Britain has not become an active associate in the Pacific Council, she is fully sympathetic to its aims and objects. And in seeking to have an observer at the Council meetings, she is striving to demonstrate that her interest in ANZUS is more than idle curiosity. To suggest that her unofficial presence at the Council discussions would create an impression among the Asiatic nations that ANZUS was taunting itself with colonialism is stretching imagination to a point of absurdity.

IT is difficult to escape the conviction that Britain's claim to be represented at Honolulu has not been given the serious consideration by ANZUS which it merits. The Pacific Council has been created for the long-term purpose of establishing collective security in the South Pacific, and in the event of Australia or New Zealand being involved in a war, Britain would unquestionably go to their aid, and without regard to the fact that she might not be an active member of ANZUS. This is well known to all three members of the Pacific Council. It is not to be expected that London will be satisfied with leaving the situation as it exists. The request which has been made to ANZUS is a reasonable one and the least the members of the Pacific Council can do is to give new and deeper consideration to Britain's point of view.

TAKSHING ATTACKED BY

RED GUNBOATS

Ship Boarded: Two
Chinese Taken Off
BRITISH WARSHIPS GO
TO THE RESCUE

A COMMUNIST GUNBOAT AND ARMED JUNK INTERCEPTED AND FIRED ON THE MACAO-BOUND SS TAKSHING (CAPT. J. B. McCAW) AT 2 A.M., TODAY WHILE SHE WAS ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ROUTE ABOUT 10 MILES FROM MACAO AND 5½ MILES FROM LANTAU ISLAND.

The Takshing was compelled to stop and an armed boarding party from the Communist boats went aboard and removed two Chinese passengers.

In reply to a distress signal, the frigate HMS Mounts Bay and the destroyer, HMS Consort, went to the rescue.

Both British warships were fired on by Communist shore batteries and they returned the fire.

The Takshing, owned by the Tai Yip Company, registered in Hongkong and flying the British flag, left Hongkong at midnight for Macao. She took the normal route past Green Island and when within quarter of a mile off Lantau, turned north to remain within British territorial waters. Thereafter she followed the international traffic route.

At 2 a.m. she was hailed by a gunboat and an armed launch flying the Chinese Communist flag and told to stop. She continued on her way. The gunboat opened machine-gun fire and also fired one or two rounds of shells. The Takshing was superficially hit astern by bullets.

She stopped and was ordered by the Chinese gunboat towards Lap Sap Mei Island.

She stopped in a bay on the west side of Lap Sap Mei Island and an armed guard went on board and forcibly removed two men passengers, Ching Chee-wah and Lo Kee-wah.

At about the same time, having received a signal from the Takshing, HMS Mounts Bay (Capt. A.F.P. Lewis DSC, RN) and the HMS Consort (Cor

G.B. Rowe RN) were despatched to investigate.

At five minutes to seven the two British ships arrived at the position given by the Takshing to find the steamer under way for Hongkong.

The two British gunboats followed the Takshing to within half a mile inside British waters off Lantau point.

At 7.50 a.m. when the three ships were about four and a half miles inside Lantau Channel, Chinese shore batteries on Lap Sap Mei fired on them.

The fire was returned by the British men-of-war.

Spasmodic firing lasted for about five minutes.

No damage was done to the British ships and no one was hurt.

It is thought that the Communist batteries used 75-mm guns.

The Takshing returned to her berth at the Takshing wharf on Connaught Road West and the skipper, Capt. J. B. McCaw, went ashore to report to the authorities.

Police guarded the wharf and permitted no one to enter or to leave until now.

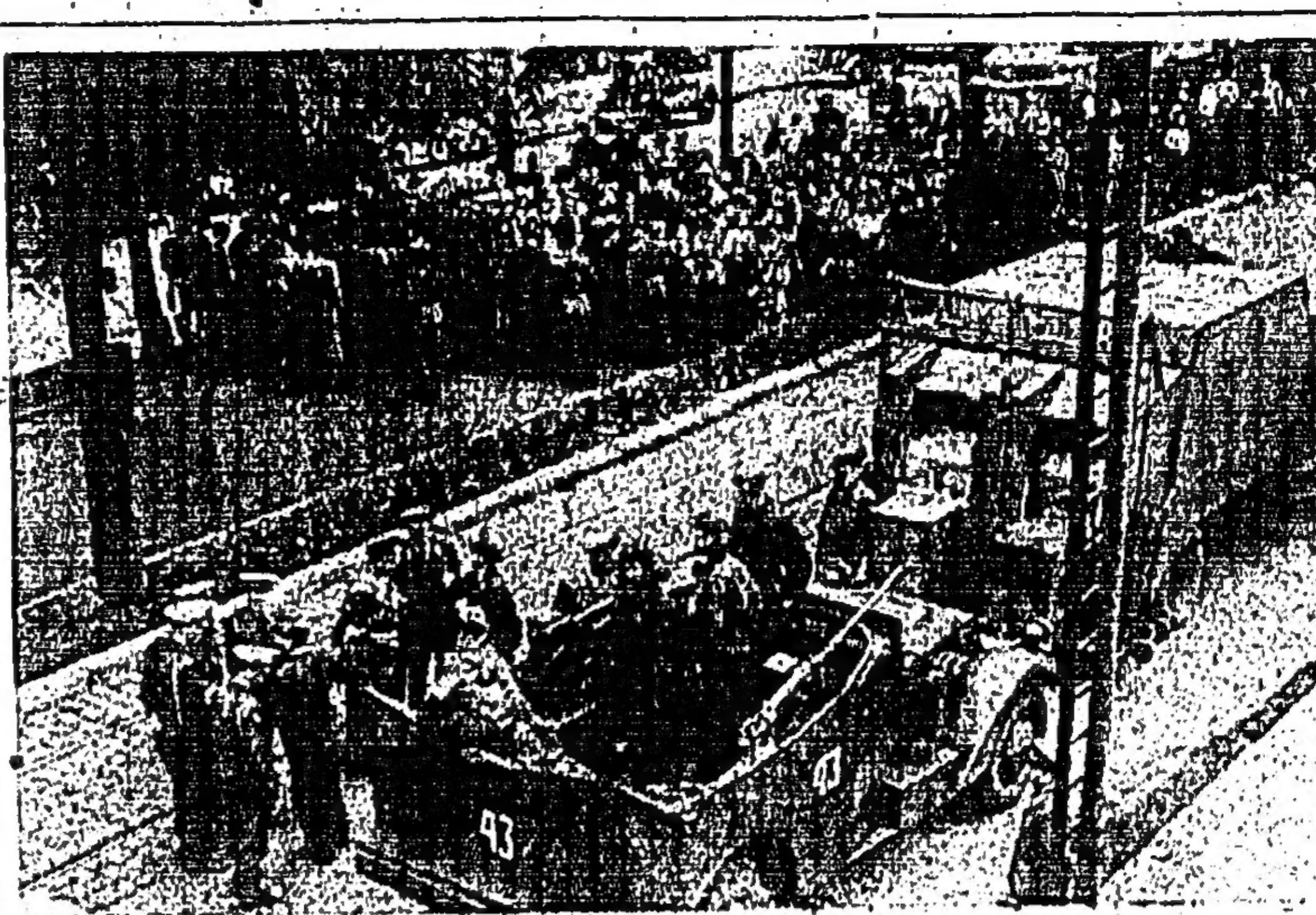
GOVT. STATEMENT

The following statement was issued by the Government Public Relations Office at 1 o'clock today:

About 2.20 a.m. this morning the British-registered steamer, as Takshing, regularly employed on the Macao ferry route, was proceeding in the well-established international channel between Hongkong and Macao when she was overtaken by a vessel which called upon her to stop and fired bursts from a machine-gun. The vessel stopped and a round from a heavier gun was fired ahead of her bows to emphasise the order. The Master was instructed to proceed to the island of Lap Sap Mei, where he was brought to anchor in a bay on the west side of Lap Sap Mei. A party of Chinese Communist troops boarded the vessel and searched her. Two passengers were removed from the ship by the armed party and taken ashore.

In the meantime two British Naval vessels, HMS Consort and HMS Mounts Bay, had been despatched to investigate in response to a wireless appeal from the master and encountered the Takshing as she was leaving Lap Sap Mei.

The Takshing was returning to Hongkong escorted by the two Naval vessels and was in British waters off South Lantau. Light when fire was opened from Communist shore batteries on the east side of Lap Sap Mei. Fire was returned. There were no casualties or damage except bullet holes in the Takshing from the bursts fired when she was first called upon to stop.



Missing Submarine

Fleet Is Mobilised For Search

Paris, Sept. 24.

The whole French Mediterranean fleet based on Toulon has been mobilised to take part in the search for the French submarine La Sibylle, missing on exercises in the Mediterranean with 48 officers and men aboard.

A French naval spokesman said: "We have the most serious apprehensions—submarine accidents are always liable to lead to calamities."

La Sibylle was off Toulon when the last message was received from her this morning. The submarine failed to surface after a diving exercise shortly before midday, the naval spokesman said.

The crew consists of three officers and 45 men.

La Sibylle is a craft of 715 tons surface displacement with an armament of one four-inch gun, one 20-millimetre anti-aircraft gun and six torpedo tubes. Her surface speed is 14 knots and submerged ten knots.

DIVING OPERATION

La Sibylle was the last of four British submarines to be handed over on loan to the French Navy. She left Portsmouth for L'Orient, the French naval base on July 15.

La Sibylle disappeared while diving between the island of Porquerolles and Cannes on the Riviera coast, a naval officer said.

The depth of sea at some points in that area reaches 270 to 280 fathoms (1,620 to 2,280 feet), he added.

An Admiralty spokesman in Paris told a questioner he did not believe the French Navy was equipped with underwater television of the type used successfully in the search for the British submarine. Asked if he did not know whether the French Admiralty would ask Britain for a loan of this equipment, he said it proved necessary, but thought such a request possible.

An American military team specialising in submarine rescue work, based in Germany, is flying to help in the search for La Sibylle, it was learned to-night.

The Americans are expected to land either at Istres airport, near Marseilles, or at Palavete field, on the coast opposite the island of Porquerolles.

An Admiralty spokesman in Paris said: "Search operations with the full participation of all available air and naval forces in southern France, including helicopters, will continue throughout the night."

"We believe La Sibylle is located somewhere south of St Tropez."—Reuter.

Five More Reds Indicted

Washington, Sept. 24.

The United States Justice Department today announced indictments against five more Communist Party leaders for alleged plotting to overthrow the American Government by force.

The five named were among the 18 second rank party leaders rounded up last week on the West Coast and in the Middle West.—Reuter.

A West Berlin dustcart (right) blocks the passage of a Red Army armoured car, whose occupants, having apparently lost their way, had raced across the western sectors of the city. American military police were called out to protect the armoured car's five-man crew from the West Berliners, and to escort the car across the border into the Soviet Sector.—London Express

Acheson's Strong Statement ACCUSES RUSSIA

Washington, Sept. 24.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, accused the Soviet Union today of dodging the issue of free German elections in its long exchange of notes with the Western Powers on proposals for a united Germany.

Mr Acheson issued a sharply worded statement denouncing the Soviet Government for playing on words.

He said yesterday's reply by the United States, Britain and France to the Soviet Union was "another attempt to persuade the Soviet Union to face up to the one problem which must be met if we are to end the present artificial division of Germany."

"That problem, he said, was to hold free elections throughout Germany."

"The Soviet Union has been seeking through this whole exchange of notes to talk about German unity but to avoid talking about a free election, which is the only way to get unity in freedom," he added.

"The Soviet Government wants to talk about an eventual peace treaty or about the North Atlantic Treaty or almost any other matter but not elections."

The Soviet Government leaned heavily, for example, on the provisions of the Potsdam Agreement calling for the restoration of Germany as a "unified, independent, peace-loving, Democratic state."

"This is indeed our objective in Germany," Acheson said. "But what does the Soviet Government mean by these words?"

DIFFERENT MEANINGS

"We have learned in these postwar years that such words have meanings for the Soviet Government and for Communist parties everywhere, which are entirely different from their traditional meanings in the Russian, English, French, German and any other language."

"We have learned that Soviet statesmen use the word democratic exclusively for countries or groups tightly run by elements recognising the political authority of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

"We have learned that independent means about the same thing."

"We have learned that peace-loving means to Soviet statesmen anything which advances the cause of Communist parties recognising the authority of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union," Mr Acheson said.

"By the same token, it appears that anything which implies resistance to the aims of such Communist parties is immediately branded as world-wide or aggressive intent."

"Conditions in the Soviet Zone are not such as to encourage the belief that elections can now be held there under conditions of freedom," Acheson said.

"We would like an impartial commission to go in there, give us a factual report, and suggest what needs to be done (Cont'd. on back page, col. 2).

Mossadegh's Demand Unacceptable

WANTS £49 MILLION DOWN PAYMENT

London, Sept. 24.

Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's reported demand for a down payment by Britain of £49,000,000 was described by authoritative quarters tonight as "completely unacceptable".

However, in rejecting it, sources nevertheless hoped the door would not be closed against further moves toward ultimate settlement.

The Foreign Office was awaiting the text of the Iranian proposals and declined formal comment until it had studied them in close consultation with the United States.

The claim for payment of £49,000,000 is considered by Britain's experts as non-existent "because no such sum is due." This amount would have become due if the Iranian government had ratified the British-proposed supplementary agreement on higher royalties for Iranian oil, which it failed to do.

The amount, it was authoritatively stated, is no longer available since it has been used to meet the heavy additional expenditure incurred by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company as a result of its evacuation from Iran.—United Press.

PERSIA'S REPLY. Teheran, Sept. 24.

The Persian Premier, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, tonight handed to the British and American envoys here Persia's reply to the Churchill-Truman proposals on the oil dispute.

Mr George Middleton, the British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr Loy Henderson, the American Ambassador, drove to the Premier's residence at 7 p.m. and stayed there for less than half an hour.

Persia's counter proposals offer four methods of settling the financial claims and counter-claims between Persia and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, according to informed sources here.

These are that if the settlement of the Persian courts prove unacceptable to the company Persia would be prepared to go to The Hague Court for settlement of claims on the 1919 agreement (the original D'Arcy oil agreement), the 1933 agreement, or the 1949 supplementary agreement.

If these agreements proved unacceptable to the company as Reuter.

Shepherd & Flock Seek Refuge

Berlin, Sept. 24.

The West German news agency DPA reported tonight an East German shepherd fled to West Berlin last night with his flock of 800 sheep.

Taking advantage of the damp and foggy weather last night, the shepherd crossed the city boundary into the United States sector.—Reuter.

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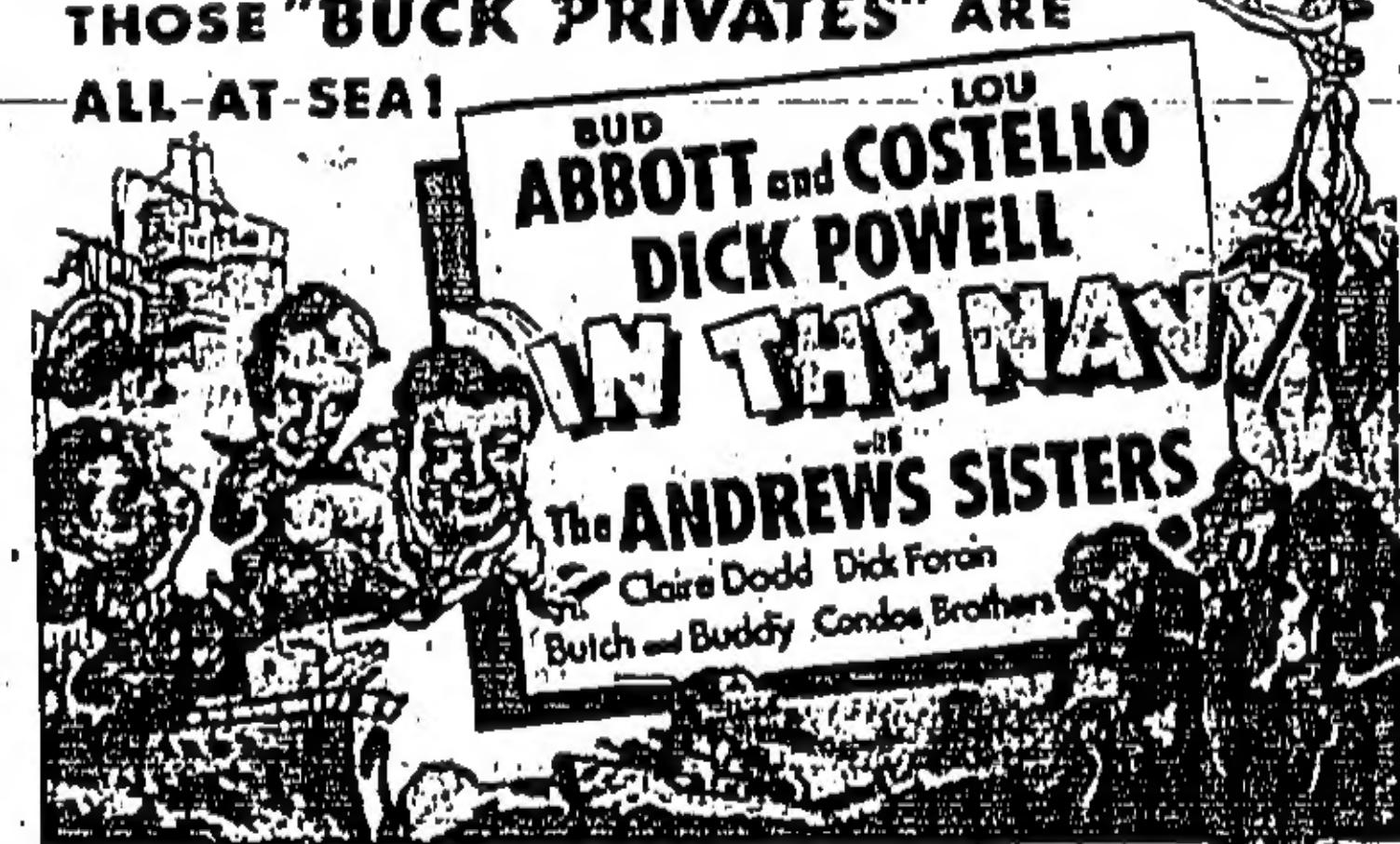
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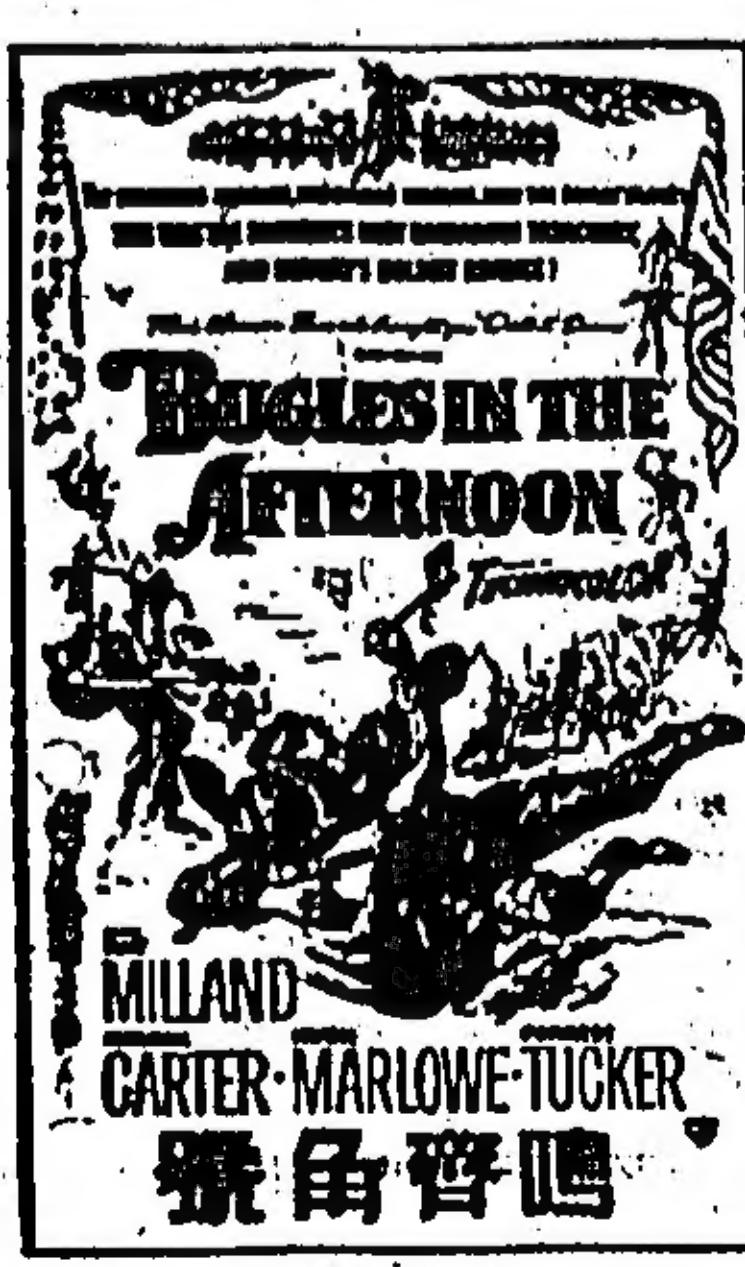
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BRITAIN'S ATOMIC TEST

Blast Expected To Be Set Off Before Sunday

Sydney, Sept. 24.

Scientists may be waiting only for more favourable weather before detonating Britain's secret atomic weapon on the lonely Monte Bello islands off Western Australia, observers said today.

Speculation in some quarters was that the blast would come any time before Sunday.

Back After 17 Years

Fredericton, Sept. 24. Progressive Conservatives gained 28 seats to win a landslide victory in the New Brunswick provincial elections yesterday and returned to power for the first time in 17 years.

The Conservative leader, Mr. Hugh John Flemming, 53-year-old lumber dealer, said it would be two or three weeks before he could form a Cabinet.

— Reuter

Newsmen camping at Onslow as they wait for the blast identified Dr Penney without question as a member of a party believed to include Dr O. M. Solandt of Canada, one of the world's senior guided missile experts.

Meanwhile, five Australian warships are believed to have joined a British aircraft carrier to bar unauthorized ships from the Monte Bello area. A watch also will be rigidly kept for alien submarines.

ROCKETS ARRIVE

The Australian aircraft carrier Sydney, the destroyer Tobruk and the Shoalhaven, Murdoch and Hawkesbury arrived at Darwin on Sunday to refuel. They weighed anchor shortly after and started the 1,000-mile voyage to the islands.

Newspaper reports on Monday said that a shipment of five-ton rockets was unloaded from the British freighter Chatian Clan and that it was believed the weapons were destined for the Woomera rocket range in Northern Australia. This report increased speculation that the tests may involve some rocket usage.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was reported a few days ago to have originated a defence plan emphasising jet bombers and guided missiles.

A United Press correspondent at Perth reported that security was so strict that interest in the impending blast was waning simply because of the lack of information. He contrasted the situation with that which preceded the Bikini experiments when a steady stream of advance stories based on concrete information developed right up until the time of the explosion.

The test has put the arid cattle country fronting the Monte Bello on the map and the scattered, rugged inhabitants reflect the situation in their humour.

On Tuesday, for example, a practical joker attached a fuse to a dummy naval mine, placed it on the doorway of a bar and scared a roomful of cattle drivers before the latter discovered that the mechanism was harmless. — United Press.

Finland's Deal With Russia

London, Sept. 24. The Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade, M. P. N. Kurnykin, said in Helsinki last night that Finland would supply Russia with ships, prefabricated houses and timber in exchange for Russian grain, sugar and cotton. Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported today.

M. Kurnykin was speaking at a banquet celebrating the completion of Finnish reparations to Russia and the signing of a trade agreement. — Reuter.

Drive Against Pirates

Manila, Sept. 24. British military and civil authorities in North Borneo have pledged their co-operation with the Jolo customs authorities and the high Philippine Navy officer in the drive against piracy and smuggling in southern waters, according to a report received this morning by the Customs Commissioner, Mr. Alfredo Jacinto.

It is reported that Philippine and North Borneo officials met on board a Philippine Navy ship during his visit to Sandakan, North Borneo, and discussed the piracy and smuggling problems of both countries. — Reuter.

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Strasbourg Calls For New Monetary Conference

CONCERN OVER CHECK TO EUROPE'S OUTPUT

Churchill Calls Cabinet

London, Sept. 24. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, now on holiday at Cap d'Antibes, in the south of France, has called a Cabinet meeting in London for Friday morning to hear reports of developments during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill will return to London tomorrow after a fortnight's stay at Lord Beaverbrook's villa.—Reuter.

Television Worries Magicians

London, Sept. 24. Television has got British magicians worried. Quickness of the hand may deceive the eye but not the camera.

Tomorrow the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians will tell 500 sleight-of-hand men how to cope with the problem.

The television menace came to the fore during a recent British television show when a vanishing girl trick was given away through a misplaced camera angle.

Behind locked doors tomorrow, magicians will watch a demonstration in which two screens will be used to show some of the pitfalls of the camera's all-seeing eye.

Mr. Jack Salvin, 60-year-old amateur conjurer, who will help with the demonstration, said today: "Television producers are ruining both professional and amateur conjuring by refusing to take heed of technical advice and allowing naughty camera crews to change the shot without warning. Too often a magician is working to one camera, while another is turned on, revealing his secrets. We want to emphasise the care magicians must take if the quickness of the hand is to deceive the camera. So far television has not done the art of mystery much good."—Reuter.

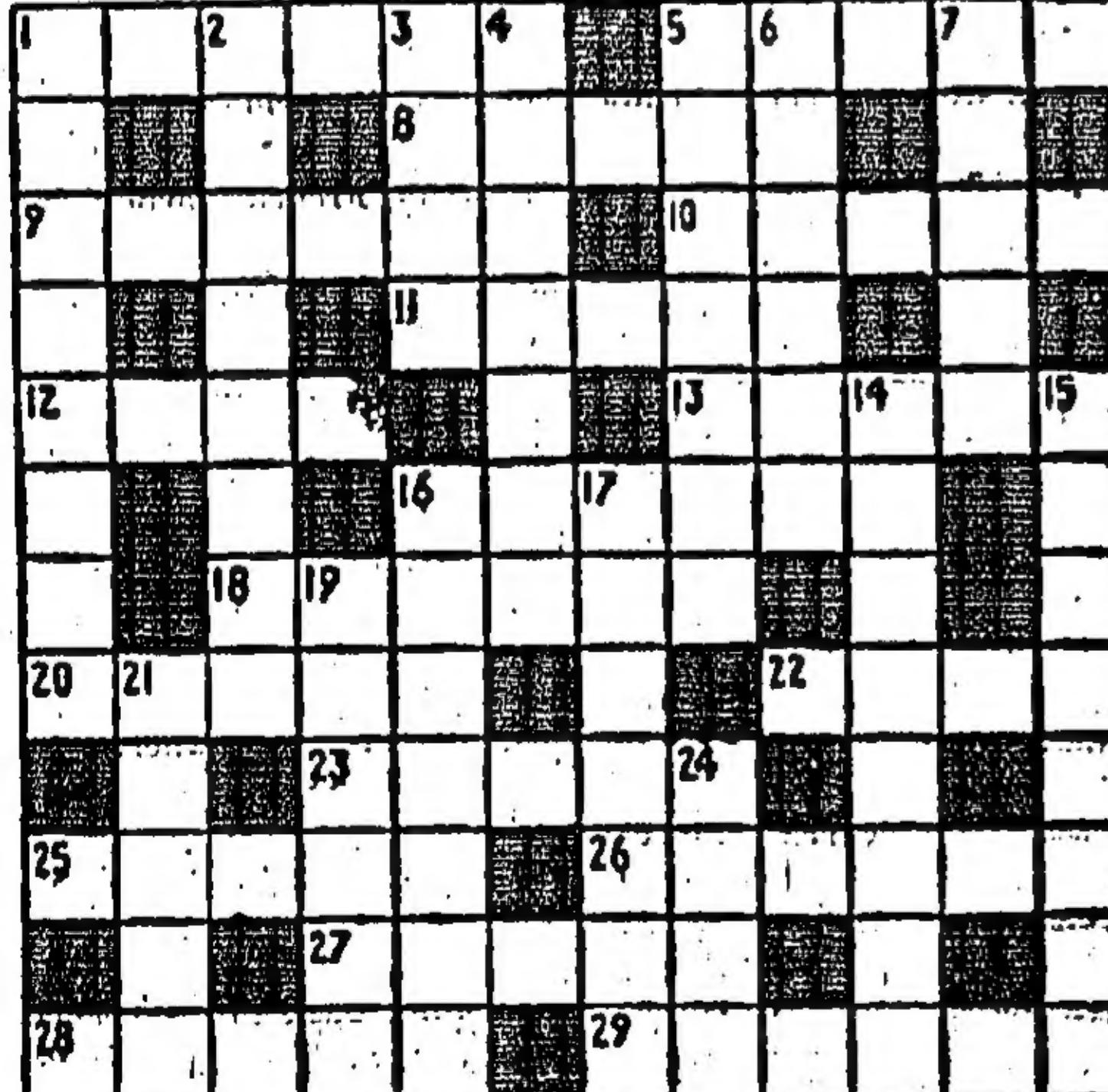
GERMAN CAR A THREAT

London, Sept. 24. The Volkswagen—Germany's "People's Car"—may be produced in Canada and seriously threaten British cars in the Canadian market.

Mr. Fred Bull, Canada's Minister of Trade and Commerce, said this at a London luncheon of the Engineering Industries Association today.

The Volkswagen, although paying a tariff of 15 per cent against nothing by British cars, is sold at about £517 against £665 for a comparable British make.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Spider's network (6).

5 Stupid (5).

8 Wicked spirit (5).

9 Not unusual (6).

10 Of first importance (6).

11 Ape (5).

12 Accustomed (4).

16 Unclean (6).

16 Worn-out (6).

18 Bubbled out (6).

20 Equestrian (6).

22 Break of day (4).

23 Very gross (5).

25 Stop (5).

26 Antiseptic (6).

27 Willow (6).

28 Slope (6).

29 Flax (9).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Pastor, 6. Abbots, 8. Men, 9. Eulogia, 14. Litter, 12. Denude, 14. Beech, 10. Tuna, 10. Scorn, 11. Eddy, 10. Accord, 24. Swarm, 25. Ornate, 20. Part, 21. Sites, 28. Easement, 17. Peer, 2. Spud, 3. Ochre, 4. Retail, 5. Almond, 6. Battery, 7. Tarnish, 10. Deter, 10. Assists, 14. Bombard, 15. Encamp, 17. Adore, 19. Dabber, 9. Gres, 11. Pain, 10. Brow. Down: 1. User (6), 2. Exchanged (6), 3. Dutch cheese (4), 4. Creeds (7), 5. Split up (7), 6. Bring to light (6), 7. Ray of light (6), 8. Family member (8), 9. Most juvenile (8), 10. Serious (7), 11. Cross-river crafts (7), 12. Motive (6), 13. Perfect (6), 14. Old (4), 15. Grimbsy (6), 16. Horizon near Cannes (12), 17. Prince (10), 18. Tuna (10), 19. Beech (12), 20. Ornate (20), 21. Part (20), 22. Nalibot record (10), 23. Battery (7), 24. Tarnish (10), 25. Deter (10), 26. Assists (14), 27. Bombard (10), 28. Encamp (17), 29. Adore (19).

RAF's Attempt On Record

London, Sept. 24. A Canberra jet bomber carrying the Air Officer Commanding Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, will attempt to break the London-Nalibot record next Sunday. The present record for the 470 miles journey is less than 11 hours, 40 minutes.

A Princess In London



Princess Margaretha of Sweden, 17-year-old daughter of Princess Sibylle and the late Prince Gustav Adolf, smiles happily on arrival in London recently. On a six-month visit, the Princess will study English. Express Photo.

Mediator Admits Failure Of Efforts On Kashmir Issue

United Nations, Sept. 24.

Dr Frank Graham, United Nations representative for Kashmir, reported to the Security Council today that he had failed to effect an agreement between India and Pakistan on the demilitarisation of Kashmir.

The demilitarisation of the area, which has been in a state of truce since 1948, must precede the holding of a plebiscite to determine whether Kashmir should be incorporated in India or in Pakistan.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has been appointed plebiscite administrator, but has so far been unable to take up his duties.

Dr Graham, in a series of discussions in New York and Geneva with Indian and Pakistani representatives, examined two proposals:

1. To establish the number and character of the forces to be left on each side of the cease-fire line at the end of the period of demilitarisation.

2. To establish certain criteria for establishing definite figures on the basis of the functions and requirements on each side of the cease-fire line.

He reported that no agreement had been reached by the two parties on either of these two approaches.

The two governments, according to Dr Graham's report, also still held a basic difference of opinion regarding their status and commitments under the original agreements of 1948 and 1949.

RIVAL VIEWS

The position of the two governments as stated during the conferences:

India—forces required for internal and external security of Kashmir cannot be lower than 21,000 troops, not including the Kashmir State militia. On the Pakistani side, remaining forces should not exceed a civil armed force of 4,000 men.

Pakistan—will accept Dr Graham's proposal to leave 18,000 Indian and State armed forces plus 6,000 State militia on the Indian side and 6,000 armed forces plus 3,000 Gilgit and Northern Scouts on the Pakistani side.

But various difficulties were discussed, and tentative lines of action agreed.

Mr. Eden was the guest of the Austrian Federal President, Dr. Theodor Körner, at lunch today in the Hofburg.

Eden's Austrian Mission Complete Accord Reached

Vienna, Sept. 24. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Austrian Ministers with whom he conferred today, found themselves "in complete accord in their efforts to achieve a treaty which will secure to Austria her freedom and her independence," a communiqué stated.

Mr. Eden arrived by air yesterday from Yugoslavia for a five-day visit. His talks with the Austrian leaders began this morning.

Apart from the communiqué no official information was available on this morning's meeting between Mr. Eden and the Austrian "triumvirate"—the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Figg, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Schaefer, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Gruber.

Unofficial sources stated, however, that in the treaty discussions nothing could be decided, as no answer had been received yet from the Russians and it was therefore not known whether the meeting of deputies would take place in London soon.

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TO REMAIN FIRM

The Austrian Government will remain "firm and uncompromising" towards the Soviet Union in the peace treaty talks, Dr. Figg said.

At a banquet in honour of Mr. Eden, he said: "We do not know whether the negotiations on the State treaty or the discussions about Austria which are expected to take place at UNO will bring us nearer to our goal of being finally free and sovereign."

"But however ardently we long for the day of freedom we shall not change our stand, whatever the result of the forthcoming negotiations. We are convinced we can attain our goal only through a firm uncompromising attitude."

Brazil and Mexico have both proposed that the Austrian treaty question be placed on the agenda for the forthcoming General Assembly meeting.

Dr. Figg told Mr. Eden: "Your presence in Vienna gives us a guarantee that you are in agreement with the attitude of the Austrian nation and its Government. It proves your readiness to help and stand by Austria in her fight for freedom."—Reuter.

Adlai Stevenson Explains Illinois Fund

Baltimore, Sept. 24.

Following is part of Governor Adlai E. Stevenson's explanation today of a special fund he created in Illinois to supplement the pay of some State officials.

The Governor said it was difficult to lure men into public jobs from higher-salaried posts in private enterprise.

He went on: "With this in mind, I initiated a study of some practical and systematic means by which the compensation of key officials might be supplemented.

"We studied the possibility of gifts by public-spirited citizens directly to the State for the benefit of the State with a view to raising the income level of key official positions.

"This plan was finally abandoned as impracticable.

Therefore, I adopted the practice of making gifts, usually around Christmas time, to a small number of key employees who were making sacrifices to stay in State Government. These gifts were made out of the balance which remained in my campaign fund when I took office, supplemented by additions contributed to that fund.

NOT AS GOOD

"No official knew the source of the money he received, nor any donor to my campaign fund the identity of the officials to whom gifts were made.

"Nor, so far as I know, did any official know which others were aided in this manner or in what amount.

"I believe this practice has helped to secure for the State Government of Illinois the services of some officials who are, I believe, equal in competence, integrity and official loyalty to any officials in the Federal or in any other State government. I am extremely proud of them."

"In making this statement, I want to take the opportunity of calling attention to one of the most pressing needs of good government and that is adequate compensation to attract able and honest men into the executive departments.

Mr. Petursson, Managing Director of the Reykjavik Municipal Trawling Company, arrived in Britain from Iceland today and visited this city, which has withdrawn facilities for Icelandic trawlers to land their catches here.

Mr. Petursson said there was little fish in Icelandic waters. Their ships had been diverted to Greenland for salt cod fishing.

"We have a common interest in the new territorial limit because it is maintained supplies of fish will be increased for the benefit of all concerned," he said.

"Under my practice, the financial sacrifices of a few were somewhat reduced without creating any sense of obligation to anyone," he said.

"Consistent with the principles of this plan I see no purpose to be served by disclosing the names of the officials to whom gifts were made or the amounts.

"To do so would subject them to publicity which they do not deserve and would, I believe, be a breach of faith on my part to them."

"This is the same attitude I have taken when I have discussed this matter from time to time in the past. Associated Press.

Field-Marshal Slim's Farewell Tour

Nottingham, Sept. 24.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Governor-General designate of Australia, began a farewell tour of the Northern Command at Nottingham today.

The General gives up his post on November 1. He will sail for Australia early in the New Year.—Reuter.

World Food Problems Can Be Solved

Washington, Sept. 24.

Scientists believe that the world can continue to feed its constantly increasing population, even if it does increase to as much as 4,000 million by the end of this century.

Dr. W. H. Schell, director of the United States' National Institutes of Health, told the International Geographical Congress here that chemistry and agriculture technology, advancing side by side, would inevitably keep pace with the numerical growth of the human race.

He said that eradication of malaria, a step which he said, "is entirely possible," could raise food yields in all parts of the globe by making agricultural workers more productive.

Dr. Theodor Schultz, of the University of Chicago's Department of Economics, told the same meeting that the United States, if called on, could in five years increase its food productivity by 20 per cent, or enough to feed from 50 to 100 million people.

Dr. George Kurian, of the University of Madras, said that India was probably not as yet making the best use of its human labor. In many instances, he said, "tracts were either too large or too small, to be efficient, and much land which could raise food could not be used."

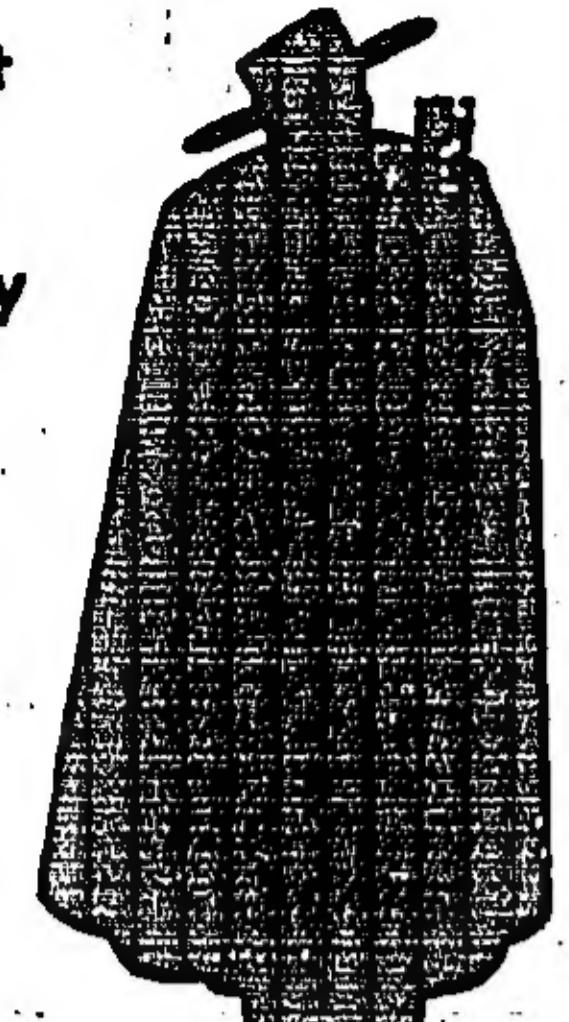
The optimism of science was summed up by Mr. Bernhard of the North American Regional Office, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

"On every hand, men of intelligence are turning to the solution of the food problem," he said. "With so many brains at work, there can be no failure."—UPI.

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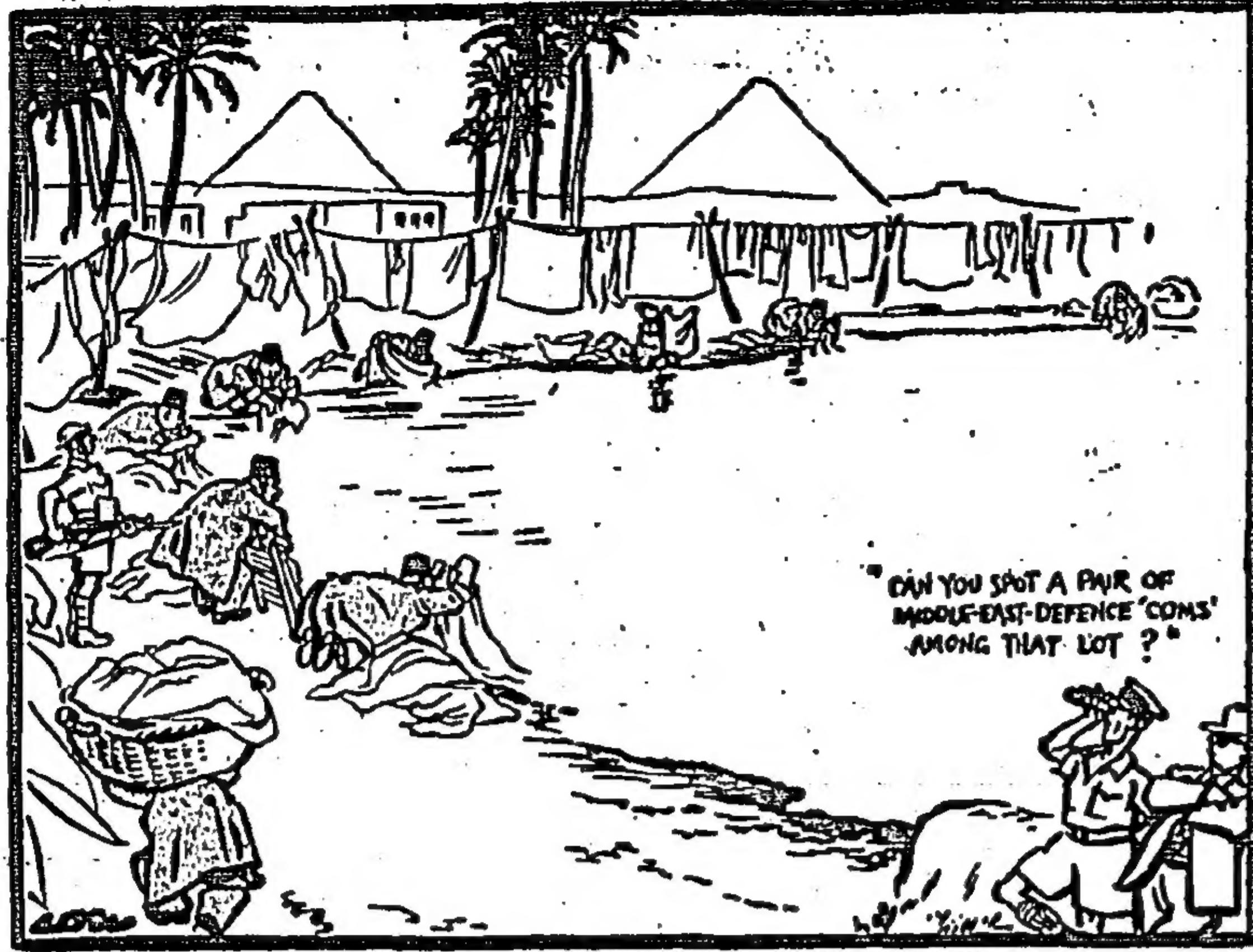
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**Mr. HUROK
cashes in
on Culture**

London.

SALOMON ("Sol") HUROK paces his suite at the Savoy waiting for calls and cables from Milan, Copenhagen, Paris, Brussels. In all these cities, as well as in London, he is booking or planning American tours for hand-picked singers, dancers, fiddlers, pianists, complete opera companies, entire ballet troupes.

He has been doing this sort of thing with some profit for 40 years. Since the late 'twenties his gross box office takings have risen, he says, from £200,000 to £1,800,000 a year.

He has three or four hundred artists on contract either as individuals or in groups. His four topliners alone—Marian Anderson, the coloured contralto, Artur Rubinstein, the pianist Jan Peerce, tenor, and Patrice Munsel, soprano—between them bring in nearly £200,000 a season.

Black patches

WHEN Hurok landed in New York as a 13-year-old from the Ukraine with his goosefeather pillow under his arm, he had three roubles in his pocket. The money-changer gave him a dollar and toron, Sixth Avenue.

Ten years later he was offering Tchaikovsky, Ysaye and Schumann-Helik, among other musical eminences, to popular Sunday night crowds in the immense Hippodrome auditorium, Sixth Avenue.

Since then there have been two black patches. In 1921 and 1926, when he toured Russian and Italian opera companies in adverse circumstances, thousands enthusiastically stayed away. On these two ventures he dropped \$50,000 dollars. "But I didn't worry. I went on being happy and jolly."

This I can well believe. Hurok has an exceptional talent for tranquillity. His pink, senatorial profile is as smooth as a touched-up photograph: no wrinkles of care.

Quickly recovering from a brief bout of insolence, he re-established himself as "The Man Who Makes Culture Pay." Hurok pauses occasionally and bites of a bit of Culture for himself. He tends to do this absent-mindedly.

When the dancers of the Sadler's Wells ballet came back from their last American tour (another is now in negotiation for 1953) they coed with abandon about the marvellous, but marvellous, old paintings they had seen in the Hurok apartment, Central Park West. I ask Hurok to tell me more about his collection.

Well, he says, some of the paintings are Italian, some French, some Russian. "No, he can't remember the painters' names. But one thing is sure—they are all of them classics."

Crossing the Atlantic last June for the 43rd time in seven years, he settled down for a long read in his lower-deck berth aboard a BOAC Monarch Detective novel he spurns, although he believes they are good things for making you sleep. His normal choice, he says, ranges from economics through politics to "classics" in Russian, French and English. Again the classics are unspecified.

Violin, trumpet

ABOUT music he is more precise. When I mention Rubinstein's playing of the Petroushka transcription or Glazunov's singing of Borodin's last light up as though I have touched a switch. He tells me, or tries to tell me, of all that Mozart, Verdi, Puccini,

Wagner, Richard Strauss and Massenet have meant to him. Hurok plays the accordion and balalaika and plays them badly. As a child he went for lessons first on the violin, then as a last-ditch measure, on the trumpet. He was so useless at both that the teacher refused to take his money.

"But," says Hurok, in his distinctive English, "I have an ear. I will know always when there is a false note played. If I would have learned to play an instrument I should be in the position today of working in the pit of an orchestra somewhere at 70 dollars a week. An impresario mustn't learn what is bad for him. But once in a while back-stage, if I see a good violin I touch it."

"And try to play it?"

"No, it is enough to touch it—feels good."

OK with Pavlova

DENIED the violin, Hurok plays instead, with "considerable mastery, on the instruments of publicity. He does so prankishly at times.

In the middle 'twenties he put out a story, widely taken up by the American papers, that Pavlova was good box-office. "But always you want something new in the publicity line. We thought the story would help business. And it did. We publicity hounds, you know, we do certain things sometimes that

are not strictly etiquette."

Did Pavlova take it? "Anything I did was OK to Pavlova."

Hurok will be 60 in April.

He is glosily bald, has white patches over the ears, dotes on his two grandchildren, says he

does not feel a day over 28.

His first marriage was disolved. Emma Runich, whom he married in 1930, graduated at the St. Petersburg musical conservatory in Tzarist days and fled Russia when the revolution came.

In those years Hurok was something of a radical. He ran concers for strike and trade union political funds. Today he defines himself as an independent voter without party, fervently anti-Communist, not a Radical, but a Progressive. "I believe," he says, "in the right of the common man to a good share in all the good things of life."

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When Calvero is down and out, unwanted, and not able even to

get a minor job at a few pounds a week she tries to soothe his wounded pride, stop him drinking, and restore his confidence.

The commissioners

ANOTHER thing he believed

in until soon after the war was S. Hurok's ability to wheel-Soviet-dancers out of Russia for Western tours. He wrangled and pleaded with commissioners and collectives until all were blue in the face.

Looking back, he says: "I

would not want to bring Russian dancers over now even if I had the chance. Russian art is isolated. Russian artists haven't travelled anywhere. In Moscow they try to run ballet as it was run 50 years ago. Give me Fonteyn. Give me Shearer. We can get along without the Soviets very well."

My bet, all the same, is that

if an East-West entente were

announced tonight S. Hurok

would arrange to import Soviet ballerinas before tomorrow's dawn. After all, S. Hurok

cannot help being S. Hurok.

The man who once said he

would never need to talk in his

office is still possessed of this gift in abundance.

Claire Bloom is perhaps the

most successful of Chaplin's leading ladies, and I include Paulette Goddard. Her part is long and strenuous. There are times when Chaplin so dominates the screen that you forget Miss Bloom, but these are infrequent. It wouldn't be too much to say that she shines almost as brightly as he.

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Mr. H. Adams, secretary for

commerce, and industry, told

me: "This is the biggest thing

that has happened to us in

recent years."

"Apart from the essential

safeguarding of oil supplies, a

large amount of the investment

will come back to us in Kenya.

There will be a new demand

for our products, and increased

local spending."

The Kenya Government is

anxious to balance the Colony's

agricultural development with

an industrial counterpart. Up

to now, the largest industrial

unit has been a soda works

employing 1,500 Africans.

Mombasa has seen a lot. For

centuries Arab dhows took

slaves through its port. Now

oil brings new and welcome

traffic to Mombasa the people

who for months have been pre-

occupied with lawlessness and

agitation.

The building of the tank town

will employ about 200 Europeans

and 3,000 Africans, as well as

the Swahili word for "wealth."

FOOTNOTE: Mombasa, the

name of the water scheme, is

the Swahili word for "wealth."

STAR

DON IDDON'S DIARY**CHARLIE CHAPLIN COMES BACK IN TRIUMPH BUT GETS THE COLD SHOULDER**

New York. **T**HERE were times during the showing of Chaplin's latest and perhaps last film, "Limelight," when it seemed that the slightest failing of his comic genius had dimmed.

The beginning of the picture is laborious and lagging, but suddenly, after three-quarters of an hour of rather hackneyed and forced scenes, the master shows his craft.

People who had been squirming uncomfortably in their seats during the film's first sequences sat rigid with attention and tension as the film unfolded. Women cried openly at the dramatic ending.

This isn't Chaplin's greatest picture, but it's superior to some of his films—certainly, I think, to "Modern Times" and "Monsieur Verdoux." It falls short of "City Lights" and "Gold Rush."

It is unfortunate that New Yorkers and New York as a whole have given Chaplin the cold shoulder. There's scarcely a line in any New York newspaper about the two showings of "Limelight." There's not a picture anywhere of Chaplin or his wife, Oona, arriving at the theatre or leaving. There are no photographs of celebrities attending the opening.

Made for London

IT'S the custom here not to print reviews of pictures until after the formal premiere, but it's not the custom to give a great artist the brush-off. New York has given Chaplin that. No newspaper or magazine has published a single story about him or his film.

If Chaplin is hurt by all this, he gives no sign. The important opening, in his opinion, is the premiere in London. He made this picture for London and the world. In a sense it is his salute to the English Music Hall, from which he sprang.

He plays the part of Calvero, fading British comedian who has

taken to drink. Calvero, the decayed clown, rescues the young

ballet dancer Terry, played by

Claire Bloom, from suicide, and helps her to success.

It is all so unnecessary in this day of the nation-wide radio network, the television chain, and the newsreel screen.

Pageant of America

IN New York "I am an American" Day has just been observed. One hundred thousand Americans including 22,000 newly naturalized citizens, flocked into Central Park carrying the Stars and Stripes and their heads high. Some had posters "I am proud to be an American."

I hope we are not coming to

try to arrange another loan, credit, or straight gift. There has been enough humiliation along those lines.

pictures (and he was right) talks possibly too much in this film. Also, he sings in his peculiar rather high falsetto voice.

But these are minor criticisms. Chaplin himself has set such high standards as a comic genius that the slightest failing of him is almost damning. But he is still supreme.

He makes the modern funny men such as Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Groucho Marx, and even the gifted clown Danny Kaye appear uninspired and even pedestrian. Chaplin is still King Charles.

Exhibition is late

THE British Isles Exhibition has not opened on time here and appears unlikely ever to open, but the Israel Exposition has rung up its curtain and is now ringing the cash-register.

Crowds four abreast lined 48th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues for the grand opening

NAT LOFTHOUSE SCORES SIX GOALS AGAINST THE IRISH LEAGUE

Welsh League Beat The Scottish League 3-0

Wolverhampton, Sept. 24. *Nat Lofthouse, dashing England and Bolton Wanderers centre-forward, scored the first six goals in the English Football League's 7-1 victory over the Irish League here today.*

The English side, which led 3-0 at half-time, contained seven of the team which whipped the Irish League 9-0 in Belfast last season.

At Wolverhampton, the precision passing of the English League opened great gaps in the Irish defence, while the English backs had a comparatively quiet time against an eager Irish attack which lacked an effective marksman.

Lofthouse opened the scoring in the 10th minute, beating Smyth with a hard right-foot drive. Six minutes later Lofthouse, unmuzzled, scored from close range. He completed a

"hat-trick" three minutes before the interval.

The Irish seldom threatened, but in the 56th minute they scored through Doherty with a penalty for hands against centre-half Frogatt.

This reverse was the prelude to an astonishing spate of scoring by Lofthouse, who crashed in three more magnificent goals within the space of five minutes. His total of six was a record for inter-league football.

Provided the England side acquires itself well against Ireland, it is almost certain to be retained for the next match against Wales, last year's joint Champions, at Wembley on November 12.—Reuter.

Home Soccer Results

London, Sept. 24. Results of football matches played today were:

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH

Football League 7, Irish League 1 (Played at Wolverhampton)

FA CHARITY SHIELD

Manchester U. Newcastle (Cup champions) 4, holders 2

JUBILEE MATCH

Welsh League 3, Scottish League 0 (Played at Cardiff)

DIVISION II

Leeds United 1, Southampton 1

DIVISION III (South)

Bournemouth 4, Gillingham 2, Brighton & H. 4, Exeter City 1, Cr. Palace 1, Norwich City 1, Ipswich 2, Shrewsbury 1, Torquay 1, Aldershot 1

DIVISION III (North)

Bradford 3, Accrington 2, Chester 0, Oldham 1, Crewe Alex. 3, Wrexham 3, Darlington 3, Chesterfield 1

OTHER MATCH

Luton Town 5, Shrewsbury Park 0 (Reuter)

Soviet Player Leads In Chess Tournament

Stockholm, Sept. 24.

The Soviet player, Kotov, took the lead in the International Chess Tournament here today when a series of adjourned matches from the fifth and sixth round were decided.

Kotov beat Gilgoric (Yugoslavia) after 30 moves.

Stahlberg (Sweden) beat Averbach (Soviet Union) by 61 moves. Matanovic (Yugoslavia) drew with Wade (New Zealand). Taimanov (Soviet Union) drew with Vaitonis (Canada). Pilnik (Argentina) drew with Petrovian (Soviet Union). Pachman (Czechoslovakia) drew with Ostanovic (Yugoslavia). Vaitonis (Canada) drew with Strelcer (United States). Stahlberg (Sweden) and Pilnik (Argentina) agreed on a draw without playing their adjourned match from the fifth round. So did Wade (New Zealand) and Sanchez (Columbia).

The overall position after the fifth and sixth round matches have been completed is:

Kotov (Soviet Union), 5 points; Stahlberg (Sweden), 4.5 points; Szabo (Hungary) and Petrovian (Russia), both 4 points; Barcza (Hungary), Geller (Soviet Union), Pachman (Czechoslovakia) and Pilnik (Argentina), all 3.5 points; Averbach (Soviet Union), Matanovic (Yugoslavia), Unischer (West Germany), Taimanov (Russia), Sanchez (Colombia) and Wade (New Zealand), all 3 points; Gilgoric (Yugoslavia), 2.5 points; Soltz (Sweden), 2 points; Golombek (Britain) and Strelcer (United States), both 1.5 points; Ellakoski (Argentina), 1 point; Holland and Vaitonis (Canada) all one point.—Reuter.

DBS Swimming Championships

Piercy House won the DBS Swimming Championship Shield with 113 points when the finals of the 1952 Inter-House Swimming sports took place at the English YMCA yesterday.

Arthur House was second with a total of 81 points followed by Sykes House with 60 points.

The Shield will be presented to the victors at the School Speech Day early next July.

The results:

Senior 100 yards free-style—1, Leslie Fung (Arthur); 2, Leo Pak (Sykes); 3, Samuel Lo (Piercy). Time: 71.6 secs.

Middle 50 yards free-style—1, Alan Poon (Arthur); 2, Cheung King Kong (Piercy); 3, Robert Kwan (Piercy). Time: 31.4 secs.

Junior 25 yards free-style—1, Ian Beavers (Arthur); 2, Chin Man To (Piercy); 3, Lo Kui (Piercy). Time: 15.6 secs.

Senior 200 yards breast-stroke—1, Chan Wing Ming (Piercy); 2, Lee Ming Kel (Sykes); 3, Luk Siu Tak (Arthur). Time: 2:16.4 secs.

Middle 100 yards breast-stroke—1, Robert Liu (Sargent); 2, Lo Chun Liang (Sargent); 3, Cheung Man Fai (Sykes). Time: 1 min. 33 secs.

Junior 25 yards butterfly—1, Ian Beavers (Arthur); 2, Chin Man To (Piercy); 3, Lo Kui (Piercy). Time: 15.6 secs.

Senior 200 yards butterfly—1, Chan Wing Ming (Piercy); 2, Lee Ming Kel (Sykes); 3, Luk Siu Tak (Arthur). Time: 2:16.4 secs.

Senior 100 yards back-stroke—1, Felix Chow (Featherstone); 2, David Tse (Sykes); 3, Lo Kui (Piercy). Time: 1 min. 44 secs.

Junior 50 yards back-stroke—1, Samuel Lo (Piercy); 2, G. Cunningham (Sargent); 3, Lee Chee Cheung (Sykes). Time: 1 min. 10.4 secs.

Senior 50 yards butterfly—1, Felix Chow (Featherstone); 2, Lo Kui (Piercy); 3, Lo Kui (Piercy). Time: 1 min. 13.8 secs.

Junior 50 yards free-style—1, Ian Beavers (Arthur); 2, Chan Man To (Featherstone); 3, Lo Kui (Piercy). Time: 1 min. 10.4 secs.

Senior 50 yards breast-stroke—1, Samuel Lo (Piercy); 2, Shum Sze Tak (Featherstone); 3, Cheng Man Ching (Sykes). Time: 1 min. 10.4 secs.

Senior 50 yards butterfly—1, Cheng Man Ching (Sykes); 2, Eugene Liu (Arthur); 3, Samuel Lo (Piercy). Middle 100 yards back-stroke—1, Albert Poon (Arthur); 2, Lo Kui (Piercy); 3, Lo Kui (Piercy). Time: 1 min. 13.8 secs.

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PETER LOVEGROVE On Rugger

THIS COULD BE EAST MIDLANDS' YEAR AGAIN FOR THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Midlands, Rugby Union County Champions in 1951 and runners-up the previous year, are confidently expected to make a very strong bid to regain the title this season.

They derive their main strength from the Northampton and Bedford clubs, which appear particularly well-equipped in all departments of the game. Northampton, who can always be relied upon to produce tough and hard scrummaging forwards, showed a decline in finishing power outside the pack last season when they lost fourteen matches.

There should be no danger of this being repeated, and in fact, they have such an abundance of talent that it will rather be a question of who to omit this time when all their stars are available.

They have made a dazzling start with a 21-try victory over Huddersfield at Kirkstall and, then, although fielding a much-weakened XV, overcame the lively London Irish 12-6.

The Saints have three Internationals and two England Trialists for the four quarter positions. The latest recruit is the Oxford Blue and Scottish International I.D.F. Coutts, who is now a master at Oundle.

John Hyde, who was only 18 when capped by England in 1950, is back on the left wing and has proved, he has lost neither speed nor balling side.

N. Bailey, the other winger, is recovering from an ear operation but will be in action

in October, while L. B. Cannell (England) is touring Japan with Oxford University at the moment.

Their brightest star, however, is John Butterfield, who was certainly the most promising centre in England last winter and will be unlucky not to get a cap this time. He has already struck a splendid understanding with Hyde, and the pair are combining beautifully to produce copybook tries.

Another Saint who should be in the running for honours in their new semi-final, R. E. G. Jeeps. Though little has been seen of him in first-class rugby so far, he has turned out for Eastern Counties and we are going to hear a good deal about him in the coming months. He is a most lively, plucky and skilful little player.

The pack, which shows no changes from last season, is led once again by that experienced

J. F. Bance, second-row forward and line-out expert, is skipper again, and his forwards include Peter Collingridge (RAF), who is so fast that he is equally at home as a wing three-quarter, and two Cambridge men, T. R. Marshall and M. J. Massey. Like Northampton, they run up 21 points against Huddersfield.

Coventry, who provide Warwickshire with the bulk of their players, won their first twelve games last season and have started well enough with an 18-11 success over Moseley at the Reddings.

But they are faced with the difficult problem of finding adequate substitutes for three great players who have retired—Ivor Preece and Nigel Stock, the halves, and Harry Walker, an irrepressible forward who played nine times for England.

The scrum, at least, should again be formidable, with notable additions in R. C. C. Thomas (Swans and Wales), and J. Simpson (Army), but the wide experience and kicking of Preece and Stock will be missed. They are experimenting with E. N. Hewitt, a former England full-back, and L. D. Ashcroft, who played at inside-half for Oxford University on occasions.

Leicester, last of the Midlands "B" Four, look at last like justifying all the high hopes we have been placing in them for the past three years. They have got off the mark with a notable double over Bedford and Bath, and their back play has already reached a very high standard.

I wondered how they would fare without that outstanding scrum-half W. K. T. Moore, but have found a most promising recruit in K. D. Jones, of Aberavon and Loughborough College, and G. Cullen and Lawrence have shown dazzling form in the three.

Ian Botting, the New Zealander who won his Blue at Oxford and a cap for England, is available again, and K. R. M. McDonald (Royal Air Force), a centre, and J. M. Jenkins, last year's Cambridge captain, have joined the club.

Home Rugger Results

London, Sept. 24. Results of rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan 13 Australians 23
YORKSHIRE CUP (Second Round)

Halifax 4 Doncaster 3
Featherstone 14 Hull R. 4
LANCASHIRE CUP (Second Round)

W'ton T. 13 Oldham 10
RUGBY UNION

Cheltenham 8 Lydney 9
Clifton 8 Bath 9
Rugby 0 N'hampton 11
—Reuter

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn 7 Philadelphia 9
—Associated Press

BING "ON THE BALL"



Bing Crosby drives off at the Templo Golf Club, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, in a practice round for the golf match he played in partnership with Bob Hope against the British stars, Donhead Peers and Ted Ray, in aid of charity. The British pair won. —Reuterphoto.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 38. Orders by Lieut-Colonel C. P. Vaughan, DSO, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, September 23, 1952.

Force Orders
Holiday. R.H.K.D.F. Headquarters, Hongkong, will be closed on Friday, October 3, 1952.

Force Headquarters

Depot Training, Squad No. 18 & 17. Depot, 20, 1952. Parade R.H.K.D.F. HQ 2.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls.

R.H.K.A.F. Cadre Course. Tuesday, October 20, 1952. Parade R.H.K.D.F. HQ 2.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls, Boots, Beret, Anklelets, Web Belt, Bayonet Frog.

Int Unit Training. HQ Sec: Parade R.H.K.D.F. Happy Valley, Tuesday, September 30, 1952. Lecture, Weapon Training, Drill, Dress: Overalls, shirts, socks, web belts, boots, etc. Bee: Parade 5.30 p.m. HQ R.H.K.D.F. Thursday, October 2, 1952. Dress: Overalls, beret belts.

Artillery Battery. HQ Sec: Parade R.H.K.D.F. Drill Hall, Monday, October 7, 1952. Advanced Class, Parade Drill Hall, 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 1952. Dress: HQ R.H.K.D.F. otherwise as per R.H.K.D.F. HQ Sec: Parade R.H.K.D.F. Thursday, October 2, 1952. Dress: Overalls, beret belts.

Home Guard

Training. Thursday. As ordered. R.H.K.D.F. HQ 5.30 p.m. at MPD. Dress: Overalls.

Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force

Battle of Britain Parade. Copy of Signal received from AOC, R.A.F. Hongkong, "Personal for Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. The Officer Administering the Government expressed to me his delight at the excellence of the drill and turnout of the parade as per the standard of the British Army Parade. The high standard reached by the members of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force reflected the high standard of the Royal Air Force. I conveying DAG's comments will you please add my sincere congratulations and thanks. The Commanding Officer of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force will be pleased to receive a copy of this parade. The R.H.A.A.F. is repeatedly being outstanding in these parades due to the high standard of discipline and reputation for their amanuens and discipline. This reflects great credit on all taking part."

R.H.K.A.F. Annual Camp. The Annual Camp will be held in two periods. The first between October 5-10 and the second between October 10-15. The camp order will be circulated to all Section Commanders, who will be responsible for informing all in their sections. Any personnel who will attend are to contact the Orderly Room R.H.K.A.F. at once. Movement Orders will also be available at HQ R.H.K.A.F. Headquarters, HQ Sec.

Hongkong Regiment

Duties. Orderly Officer of the Week—Lt R. F. K. Jones. Next for duty—Lt J. A. King. Orderly Sergeant of the Week—Sgt C. W. Morris. Next for duty—Sgt A. L. Norry.

Training. "A" Coy—Tuesday, Range Cards, HQ Sec, Parade Drill Hall, 5.30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 1952. Advanced Class, Parade Drill Hall, 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 1952. Dress: HQ R.H.K.D.F. otherwise as per R.H.K.D.F. HQ Sec: Parade R.H.K.D.F. Thursday, October 2, 1952. Dress: Overalls, beret belts.

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- "SHENGKING" Keelung 7 a.m. 20th Sept.
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EXERCISE
MAINBRACE
WINDING UP

H.M.S. Eagle, Sept. 24.

The Atlantic Pact striking fleet refuelled from tankers in driving rain off the south Norwegian coast today, as their last operation together in the 13-day eight-nation exercise Mainbrace.

Tomorrow HMS Eagle, Britain's newest aircraft carrier, the United States battleship Wisconsin and other leading units of the NATO navies will arrive at Oslo where the top commanders of the West are meeting on Sunday for an assessment conference on the exercise.

The remainder of the fleet are now dispersing, some vessels returning to their home bases, others paying courtesy visits to Scandinavian and other European ports.

Some 250 high-ranking NATO officers are expected to attend the assessment conference which will take place on HMS Eagle's enclosed hangar deck.

Among them will be NATO's Supreme Atlantic Commander, Admiral Lynde McCormick, and possibly also the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, General Matthew Ridgway.

Exercise Mainbrace was the first joint land, sea and air operation linking these two overall commands.

It was primarily designed to test all ranks of the command in units from several Allied armadas operating as one force.

The exercise has posed many problems which commanding officers of NATO naval and ground forces will now discuss in Oslo. — Reuter.

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"TJIWANTET"	Oct. 7	Baliipapuan, Surabala, Semarang, Djakarta, Batavia, Deli, Singapore, E. & Africa	Delhi, Singapore, E. & Africa
"STRAAT MAAKASSAR"	Oct. 9	Manila, P.I. Port, Djakarta, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & N. America	Manila, P.I. Port, Djakarta, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & N. America
"TEGELBERG"	Oct. 10	Japan	Japan
"TJISADANE"	Oct. 12	Japan	Japan
"TJIWODAS"	Oct. 12	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"TJIWUWAI"	Oct. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"VAN HEUTZ"	Oct. 18	Japan	Japan
"STRAAT MAAKASSAR"	Oct. 21	Singapore, Djakarta & Delawaz Delli	Singapore, Djakarta & Delawaz Delli
"TJISADANE"	Oct. 22	Singapore, Djakarta	Singapore, Djakarta
"TETSUWICKER"	Oct. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Nov. 2	Japan	Japan
"TJIPUNAS"	Nov. 3	Japan	Japan
"TJISADANE"	Nov. 8	Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa, & S. America	Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa, & S. America
"TJIPONDOK"	Nov. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"STRAAT MAAKASSAR"	Nov. 10	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa, & S. America	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa, & S. America
"TJIWUWAI"	Nov. 18	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Nov. 21	Japan	Japan
"VAN HEUTZ"	Nov. 22	Singapore, Djakarta & Delawaz Delli	Singapore, Djakarta & Delawaz Delli
"TJIKAMPEK"	Nov. 27	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Dec. 9	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIWODAS"	Dec. 14	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"TJIWUWAI"	Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Dec. 30	Japan	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar

ARRIVALS From

"TJIWANGI"	Sept. 28	Macassar, Surabala, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
"TJIWANTET"	Oct. 5	Japan
"TJIWUWAI"	Oct. 5	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabala & Macassar
TEGELBERG	Oct. 7	S. America, S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore, Djakarta & Manila
"STRAAT MAAKASSAR"	Oct. 7	Japan

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Cotton

Taiwan-Germany
Barter Plan

Taipei, Sept. 24. Taiwan will export 20,000 tons of sugar to West Germany in exchange for chemical fertilisers and machinery next Spring as part of a US\$23,000,000 barter trade agreement now being negotiated, Mr Yang Chi-cheng, General Manager of the Taiwan Sugar Company, said yesterday.

The Nationalists were reported to have appointed last week their Minister to France, Mr Tuan Mou-lan, as Nationalist negotiator in the barter negotiations.

According to reports, Nationalist China is contemplating the export of 100,000 tons of sugar annually to West Germany in exchange for hardware, fertilisers, machinery and dyes.—Reuter.

CEYLON
RESTRICTS
IMPORTS

Colombo, Sept. 24. Ceylon has decided to restrict imports from European countries, according to usually reliable sources here.

The cuts would be in addition to the measures announced by the Prime Minister, Mr Seneviratne, last week-end to meet Ceylon's financial crisis and food shortage.

These included increased taxation and a surcharge on some luxury imports.

Imports from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, France, Switzerland and Turkey would be brought under licence under the new cuts.

Imports from Germany would also be severely curbed.

Goods affected include textiles, wools, cloths, cars and various liquors.

The measure will come into effect almost immediately.

British Commonwealth countries are excluded from the cuts. —Reuter.

LONDON TIN
MARKET

London, Sept. 24. The tin market was steady. Turnover was 30 tons, all for forward. Prices closed at the end of the official session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 937
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Business done at nil
Three-month tin, buyers 949
Business done at 949
Business done at 948
Settlement 948

—United Press.

Pessimism Over
U.S. Economy
Now Clearing

New York, Sept. 24.

New 1952 production records are proving a commonplace; there are forecasts of increased defence spending and civilian output continues encouraging.

Pessimism is giving way to optimism in several quarters. The machine-tool industry, the backbone of production, now looks as though it may set an all-time record this year.

More motor-cars are being made than at any time in the past 15 months.

But amid all the pleasing and encouraging reports are some sour notes.

Some businessmen find that inflation is trimming profits. It takes price reductions and easy credit to make the shopper buy in retail stores.

And living costs have hit a new record high.

The mid-August cost of living figure of the Bureau of Labour Statistics is a new high for the third straight month.

The index rose to 101.1 per cent of the 1939-50 average — the pre-Korean period and three per cent above a year ago.

BUYING MORE

The Government said slight increases in the cost of food and most other major consumer items were responsible for the rise over the preceding month.

Also of consumer interest is the retail situation. Dun and Bradstreet, the business reporting service, said shoppers in the retail stores generally are buying slightly more than a year ago.

Wholesale markets generally are doing better business as buyers prepare for the new

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